

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 27 as follows:

[Non-Patent Document 1]: FC 3281 on An Internet Attribute Certificate [searched on August 4th, 2003] Internet <~~http://www1.ietf.org/mail-archive/ietf-announce/Current/msg18344.html~~>

[Non-Patent Document 2]: Liberty Alliance [searched on August 4th, 2003] Internet
<~~http://www.projectliberty.org/~~>

[Patent Document 1]: Japanese Patent Publication No.2001-325526 (pp.4-5, Figure 1)

[Patent Document 2]: Japanese Patent Publication No.2001-244927 (pp.3-4, Figure 1)